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kind of men not being appointed as Commissioners and said that care should be taken to appoint the right men.

Dewan's reply.—The High Court will be addressed.

35. *Appointment of proper persons as Commissioners in Civil Courts.*

Mr. K. Raman Tampi (Member, Vilavancode Taluk) said that Commissioners were now being appointed by the Civil Courts on a much larger scale than before. There were several cases in which Commissioners were appointed and the decisions of the Courts were also mostly in accordance with their reports. It could be imagined therefore to what extent the interests of the parties depended on those men. In spite of all circulars and orders, the proper men were not being appointed as Commissioners. The Commissioners in several instances were the dependants of the Munsiffs or the Judges. The desirability of employing men other than Court officials as Commissioners had been brought up at the Third Assembly and a favourable reply was also given. But the rule was not observed in practice. The Member said that the same kind of care that was exercised in the appointment of Judges was necessary in selecting the Commissioners. He also added that, where both the parties to a suit jointly applied to the Court for the appointment of a certain person as Commissioner, such an application should invariably be granted.

Dewan's reply.—The attention of the High Court will be called to the representation made by the Member.

36. *Appointment of a Mahomedan Judge in the High Court.*

Mr. Ibrahim Pillai Syed Mahomed (Member, Nominated) requested that a Mahomedan Judge might be appointed to the High Court to represent the interests of the Mahomedan community.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

37. *Appointment of Village Munsiffs and Village Panchayets.*

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Thovala Taluk) said that the people underwent a lot of inconvenience and pecuniary loss in taking petty suits to the Courts and getting a decision. For fear of the expense, several cases were not taken to the Courts at all. But if such cases were not taken, one effect would be the increase of crime. If therefore Village Munsiffs and Village Panchayets (consisting of 8 men) were appointed for each village, petty civil suits up to Rs. 20 in value and petty criminal cases might be entrusted to them. The question had been brought forward at the previous Assemblies. The Government recently issued a G. O. declining to take action, as the High Court were of opinion that the system was unsuitable

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